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Third session
Sendai, Japan, 13 March 2015
Agenda item 5
Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its third session

Draft report

Rapporteur: [ ]

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/211 and the decision of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction at its second session, the Preparatory Committee held its third session on 13 March 2015 in Sendai, Japan.

2. The session was opened by the Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee, [Päivi Kairamo (Finland)/Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand)].

II. Organizational and other matters

A. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters of the Preparatory Committee

3. At its 1st meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted the provisional agenda (A/CONF.224/PC(III)/1), which read:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters of the Preparatory Committee.
2. Draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.
3. Draft political declaration.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its third session.

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4. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee elected, by acclamation, the Director General of Disaster Management at the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management of South Sudan, Banak Joshua Dei Wal, as Vice-Chair, to replace the former Permanent Representative of South Sudan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Riek Puok Riek, who had completed his tour of duty. In addition, it was noted that the Deputy Director General for International Cooperation and Global Issues at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Takeshi Osuga, would serve as an ex officio member of the Bureau to replace the Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Misako Kaji, who could no longer perform the duties of ex officio member of the Bureau.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee approved the suggested lists of non-governmental organizations and other major groups and intergovernmental organizations recommended for accreditation and participation, as observers, to the Conference and its preparatory meetings (see A/CONF.224/PC(III)/2 and A/CONF.224/PC(III)/3).

B. Draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction

6. [*To be completed*]

C. Draft political declaration

7. [*To be completed*]

D. Other matters

Decision adopted by the Preparatory Committee

8. At its 1st meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided:

(a) To revise the provisional agenda of the Conference, as contained in document A/CONF.224/1, by revising item 4 to read "Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters";

(b) To recommend to the Conference that, at the opening of the Conference, statements also be made by the Prime Minister of the host country, the incoming President of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Mayor of Sendai;

(c) To recommend to the Conference that its 1st plenary meeting be held from 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. on 14 March 2015.

Attendance

9. The list of participants is contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(III)/INF/1.

E. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its third session

10. At its 2nd meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted its draft report, as introduced and updated by the Rapporteur, and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize it in the light of the proceedings of the meeting.

11. Concluding statements were made by [ ].

12. The third session of the Preparatory Committee was closed by the Co-Chair, [Päivi Kairamo (Finland)/Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand)].

Annex

Documents before the Preparatory Committee at its third session

Document	*Symbol*
Annotated provisional agenda	A/CONF.224/PC(III)/1
Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups	A/CONF.224/PC(III)/2
Participation of intergovernmental organizations	A/CONF.224/PC(III)/3
Draft decision submitted by the Co-Chairs	A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.1
Draft report	A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.2
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